

## **RE-SCORE AND APPEALS - FAQ Text - 7/15/04**

### **THE RE-SCORE PROCESS**

#### **What is the re-score process?**

The re-score process provides Uniform CPA Examination candidates the opportunity to have their responses re-scored.

#### **Why should I request a re-score?**

If you believe that your grade does not accurately reflect your performance on the examination, you may wish to request a re-score of your responses.

Before you decide to request a re-score, you should be aware that the score you received underwent several quality control checks before it was reported. A change in scores as a result of a re-score is, therefore, very rare.

#### **How and when should I request a re-score?**

Contact your Board of Accountancy, or its designee, for instructions on requesting a re-score, paying the required fee, and meeting the re-score deadline. **Note that the option to apply for a re-score is available only for a short period of time (2-3 weeks) after your score has been reported to you.**

#### **How will the re-score result be communicated?**

After your Board of Accountancy, or its designee, submits your re-score request to the AICPA and the AICPA re-scores your responses, the AICPA will report the result through NASBA to your Board of Accountancy, or its designee, and the result will then be transmitted to you.

## **THE APPEAL AND CHALLENGE PROCESS**

### **What is an appeal?**

In the jurisdictions that allow appeals, the appeal process provides Uniform CPA Examination candidates with the opportunity to appeal failing scores.

Where available, the appeal option enables candidates to view the test questions or simulation problems that they answered incorrectly together with their responses, and to submit comments online. The confidentiality of the examination requires that such viewing sessions take place only in authorized locations, under highly secure conditions, and in the presence of a representative of the candidate's Board of Accountancy or its designee.

### **Why should I consider an appeal with the possibility of a challenge?**

You should consider requesting an appeal **only** if you want to review your incorrect responses because you believe that there is a question or simulation problem that you would like to challenge.

When you review the questions or simulation problems that you have answered incorrectly, you may decide to challenge the validity of one or more items. If you are inclined to do so, you should consider your ability to present a cogent, vigorous, and compelling defense of your incorrect responses.

### **How do I request an appeal and challenge?**

Contact your Board of Accountancy, or its designee, to determine whether the appeal option is available in your jurisdiction and, if it is, to obtain detailed instructions. In order to qualify for an appeal, you will be required to submit a formal request, obtain your Board's approval, and pay the required fee. **Note that the option to apply for an appeal is available only for a short period of time (4-5 weeks) after your score has been reported to you.**

### **What is the fee structure for an appeal?**

You will be required to pay the appeal fee at the time you submit the request to your Board. Subsequently, you will be charged a separate fee for each item (question or simulation problem) that you decide to challenge. Contact your Board, or its designee, for the exact amounts of these fees.

### **How will my appeal be processed and the result communicated to me?**

If your Board of Accountancy determines that you qualify for an appeal, the Board will submit your request to the AICPA through NASBA. The AICPA will extract the questions you answered incorrectly and your responses, and transmit them through NASBA to your Board.

The Board, or its designee, will schedule your viewing session for you. Your online comments during this session will be transmitted to the AICPA through NASBA. Your session will be limited to two hours.

After the session, the AICPA will respond to any comments you submit, review your responses on the section you are appealing, and forward the result to NASBA. NASBA will then report the result to your Board, or its designee, and the result will then be transmitted to you.